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LETTER

TO

A Friend in the Countrey.

SIR,



HIS comes Post-hast to give you a full and true account of what our diligent Justices have performed in order to the better finding out and discovering this damnable and malicious PLOT; not only against yours or my own, but the Life and Safety of our most Gracious Soveraiga.

You are not, I suppose, ignorant of one of our Justices of the Peace for the Liberty

of *Westminster*, Sir *William Waller* by name, who has taken all the care a man in his Office could do; not only to subvert, but totally to destroy this pest of Popery, and root it out from amongst us: having made it his whole delight as well as his duty, ever since he received Commission from his Majesty, to put the Laws in Execution against all Popish Priests, Jesuits, Benedictines, Monks or others, of the like pernicious and plotting principles and persuasions: and this in a time as well dangerous to his own Life as the Kingdoms good and safety.

And it were well for poor *England* if all its Officers, Magistrates and Ministers, were so well disposed, since it appears to be the plainest demonstration that our Gracious King, our wholesome and profitable Laws, with our surest and safest Religion, are such as no Nation in the World can parallel; and if we do Justice amongst our selves, and take care to put all the Laws in Execution as they ought to be, we need not fear that either the Priests or Jesuits on Earth, or the Devils in Hell can do us any harm.

But

But all this I did not intend to you, but only to give you an account of our present days work, which thus I do.

Sir *William Waller* having some days since searched the Benedictine Monks Lodgings in the *Savoy* (some of whom are in Custody) found there several Popish Books *inter alia*, which afterward you have a particular of: and giving an account thereof to the Committee of their Lordships of his Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, received Order from their Lordships to commit them all to the flames on some public day, and in such public place and manner as might satisfy the World that such proceeding against them was not only intended and purposed, but prosecuted according to Law.

And in obedience to this Order of their Lordships, chose this day at eleven of the Clock, being full Term, to shew his readiness herein. The place was the *New Palace yard, Westminster*, where after a long stake was set upright in the ground, about which were a quantity of fagots placed and lighted, the said Sir *William* with the Constables and

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Guard about him, brought three Cart load
of the ensuing fallibilities.

First, There was several Popish and Je-
suitical Vestments, Copes and Hoods, most
of them of silk embroidered with silver and
gold lace, in pictures, effigies of Crosses and
other Popish Hieroglyphicks; and these
words indorsed in letters of golden em-
broidery, *ORA PRO ANIMA M. O.*
&c. which were placed upon the long stake
over the fire.

To them were adjoyned several Popish
Pictures with frames and without, together
with Crucifixes and Images of brals and
ivory, Beads an innumerable quantity, one
or two Popish Bulls in Parchment of a con-
siderable length, having broad leaden Seals;
many Popish Trinkets and Reliques, and
bones of Saints, or such presumed.

To which I will only add seven Trunks
full of Popish Mass-Books, Catechisms, and
others of various kinds, tending to the sub-
version of the Protestant and promoting of
the Popish Religion and Interest.

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All these were burning within the hours
of 11.12. and 1. of the Clock, at which time
they were wholly extinguished.

Now, Sir, I have no more at present but
only to wish we may proceed by degrees,
till we have prevented if not overcome our
fatal Enemies, till then I am

SIR,

London,
Febr. 11. 1678.

Your most humble Servant.
